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OFFICE OF TRAINING (SPECIAL)

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The activities of the Office of Training (Special) are directed toward a primary mission of conducting certain courses of training within the U.S. to support the Clandestine Services of the Agency. Objectives of specific courses and other pertinent data are stated in Appendix A. (This is a draft copy of the catalog, in process of being released as a ▮▮▮ publication; it supplements the blue-bound Program of Instruction Handbook released to you under date of 27 March 1953.) Initially, training was confined to OSO personnel; subsequently, TR(S) training courses were developed, prepared and offered to varying types of students throughout DD/P. More recently, TR(S) training was extended to include DD/A personnel -- under certain conditions.

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In the fall of 1952 a paper was prepared by the then DD/TR(S) requesting review by the Clandestine Services of the general problem of training. (See Appendix B) Section IV of that paper details the instructional and developmental activities then engaged in by TR(S). From the date of this status paper to the present time, there have occurred significant incidents which have had a direct effect upon the activities engaged in or to be engaged in by TR(S). These occurrences are highlighted below.

Mandatory Training for New Employees

The CIA Career Service Program, approved by the D/CI, provides that all new personnel recruited to fill professional positions in the Agency be required to go through a training program in order to give them an adequate basic intelligence background. TR(S) activities were re-directed to meet both CS requirements and DD/A requirements, as established by ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ 13 March 1953. (See Volume I of information transmitted by D/TR, 10 Jul 53)

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Minimum Training Standards for CS Staff Personnel

With the publication of ▮▮▮▮▮▮ 21 Jan 53, the DD/P announced   25X1A
his policy that every member of his organization be trained for the assignment he is to fill. Criteria for adequate training were set
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reorientation or refresher training of experienced personnel, and
training of personnel requiring specialized instruction in preparation
for new assignments. FI, PP, and TSS training standards were
published 26 March 1953; PM training standards were published 4 May
1953. The planned chapter on Administrative Training Standards has
not yet appeared ████████████████ (see Volume I)   25X1A

Instructional and Developmental Activities Since September 1952

By program, as presented in Section IV of the basic paper,
TR(S) activities are reviewed below, excluding those on-going activities
which have not been materially affected since that time.

Basic Program. To implement the requirements added above, the
Basic Training Program was reorganized. Titles of courses and content
were changed. The Basic Orientation Course became the Basic Intelligence
Course (CS). This course is identified as Phase I of an integrated
basic program. The Operations Course was re-named Phase II, and the
Covert Activities Instruction Course was redesignated Phase III. In
order to satisfy the Agency requirements for a basic intelligence course
for DD/A personnel, an Administrative Support Course was developed.
This course, taken in conjunction with the Basic Intelligence Course (CS),
constitutes a 6-week program for this component of the Agency. The
Interim Training Program was abolished in view of negligible requirements
for this type of instruction. Phase II of the basic program was trans-
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field conditions. An element of realism was introduced by the utilization
of contract agents in a city near the site. (See Appendix C); and require-
ments set forth that all trainees would participate throughout the course
(auditors were prohibited in this and all other courses). Plans are under
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new course will be developed and offered at headquarters as a refresher
program for experienced personnel returning from overseas stations.

Advanced Program. The courses of ground training at ████████ 25X1A6b
were re-vitalized, i.e., the Basic Resistance Forces Course was dis-
continued and emphasis placed on developing and improving the briefer
specialized courses in Clandestine Field Activities, Resistance
25X1C14a Operations, ████████, and Escape and Evasion. (See Appendix D)

Agreement was reached with TSS with regard to a division of
responsibilities for conducting investigative techniques training.
(Appendix E). TR(S), for lack of a competent instructor, has not
implemented its agreed portion of the training.

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A qualified instructor was obtained for Clandestine Political Warfare. The much needed Counterespionage Course is being reactivated, but instruction is being given by the Chief, TDS; several senior personnel qualified as instructors have been requested by name from the Clandestine Services to meet the heavy demand for this course.

During this period, also, the Reports Course was discontinued -- with the approval of the Clandestine Services Training Committee -- until a senior instructor with field reports experience can be made available. However, through reassignment or detail of present instructor personnel, courses were developed and presented in Order of Battle, Operational Security, and Stay-Behind Operations.

Many of the advanced training courses in particular are of the seminar type, with small classes. In the light of more compelling needs it has been imprudent to stress the requirement for an assistant instructor for these small classes. Training activity in each of such courses is thus wholly dependent upon obtaining and retaining one qualified instructor.

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Covert Program. The present status of covert training is well reflected in the progress reports attached as Appendices F and G. The ███████ project was liquidated (Appendix H).

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Air-Maritime Program. The Clandestine Services Training Committee ascertained that no requirements existed for survival training; the training facility was given up approximately 30 June 1953. However, ████████████████ a survival training expert, may be retained on a consultant basis.

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Project ██████ was approved by D/CI, 24 July 1953. It is anticipated that maritime training, and the research to be conducted at the site, will not be initiated until 1954.

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Developmental Program. The diversified activities referred to in Section IV of the status paper were continued. Further efforts in developing a program of ███████ operations resulted in inclusion of a realistic night ██████ problem in the Clandestine Field Activities Course ██████

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Action has also been initiated to develop a program of training films in cooperation with representatives of the Clandestine Services.

Assistance has been given to field training projects, both by the release of training materials for overseas use and by the temporary assignment of TR(S) instructors to overseas stations controlled by WE, FE, NE, EE and SE.

Instruction in guerrilla warfare has been deleted from the ground training program because of a complete lack of requirement for this type of instruction. Instructors charged with this type of training have been reassigned to other ground training courses.

During the past two years TR(S) has undertaken the development of substantive material for an economic warfare course. Recently it was decided to discontinue this effort since no precise requirements for this program were forthcoming from the Clandestine Services. However, in light of recent developments it has been decided to maintain the present capability to offer a course in this field.